



KEEPING A SHARP EYE ON CHINA.

**American Fully Alive
to the Present
Situation.**

HAY POSTPONES THE PARTITION.

**DIPLOMACY OF McKINLEY AD-
MINISTRATION LEADS
THE WORLD.**

**Great Movements in the Pacific in
the Next Year — Cable
to Hawaii Will
be Hurried.**

WASHINGTON, July 6.—The present trouble in China is not generally understood even in the United States. Most people here have the notion that the partition of China, to which they have looked forward during the last few years, is at hand, and that the present difficulties will end in that result. It is not so. It is not away from its moorings, such a result will not be the immediate outcome of the Boxer troubles. Up to the present time the powers of the earth have regarded the Chinese revolt merely as a riot. The government of China is not yet held to be responsible for the trouble. It may, and likely will, develop that the Chinese government is at the bottom of the whole business; but should that fact come out tomorrow it is doubtful if a single power would take the trouble of declaring war upon China.

Secretary of State Hay, beyond much question, is the man who has succeeded in staying off the real Chinese crisis. As soon as the Boxer uprising began, and as soon as the lives of foreigners in China were threatened, Mr. Hay saw that the fate of the Chinese empire was at stake, and that the settlement of its fate just now would engage the whole world in war. He immediately entered into correspondence with the various powers to secure an agreement touching the ultimate settlement of the present difficulty without the dismemberment of China. Naturally, England backed him in this diplomatic undertaking, and there is good reason to believe that France also lent her good offices to him. At the present moment every power having the slightest interest in China is agreed that the empire shall not be dismembered for the present. Secretary Hay, therefore, has accomplished another diplomatic triumph in China—his first being the securing of the "open door" there less than six months ago.

But even with these assurances from the powers, there is still great danger in the Chinese situation. The danger lies in bringing the forces of so many nations together upon Chinese soil. An overt act by the commander of any one of these forces toward any other force might be the torch that would set off a general conflagration. If such a thing happens, promises will be thrown to the winds and the Chinese empire will die.

At this writing there is little that is new from China. We know here that the German minister at Peking has been murdered by the Chinese, and that the German government is sending a fleet of naval vessels and an army of about 20,000 men to avenge his murder. We have heard from China several times during the last few days that the American minister, Mr. Conger, and all of the other foreign ministers at Peking, have been murdered. At this moment these latter reports lack confirmation, but if they are not true it will surprise everyone. It is taken for granted that most of the foreigners at Peking have been murdered, and it is probable that the American minister is among the slain. But the confirmation of the news that Mr. Conger has been killed will not lead to a declaration of war. This government will assume that the Chinese government did what it could to save his life. It will proceed to avenge his murder by punishing his murderers—the Boxers—and after that, when peace shall have been restored in China, it will proceed to collect damages for this crime and for all other crimes committed against Americans or American interests in China. It is the opinion of everybody from the President down, that there is nothing to be gained, under any circumstances, that may arise, in calling Congress together to make a formal declaration of war against China.

But beyond all the present struggle comes the real Chinese question that must be solved in time. It is the question of the division of the empire among the powers. If President McKinley is re-elected next November—and there is no doubt that he will be—before his second term of four years has come to an end this question is likely to be settled. The anxiety of Secretary Hay to postpone the day of settlement is based upon good sense.

When China is partitioned the American nation will have something to say about it, and it signs that, not the American nation will extend its flag over some of the Chinese territory—enough,

at least, to give us a base for our navy and a harbor for American shipping. This country is not prepared yet to enter upon a matter of that kind. It cannot be settled without war between some of the nations. Russia is hungry for Chinese territory, and it will be the duty of somebody to dispute Russia in the attempt which she is now making to take over a nodular large area of land. In the present difficulty she has gained an advantage. She has been enabled to move a very large number of her soldiers close to Chinese territory, and to put a fairly large force within the empire. Those now in China will, of course, be withdrawn in time. Those placed upon the harbor will remain there until the day of final settlement, and that day will be brought about most likely by Russia herself. She is now engaged in borrowing large sums of money.

Within a week the correspondent of The Republican was in New York and found there a very large loan from the New York bankers. She is making arrangements to-day for still another loan in New York, and yet another in Paris will be floated before fall. These vast loans are made in spite of the fact that Russia has today probably more gold than any nation on the face of the earth. Where is the money to go? The answer will be written in blood and change the map of the country that lies beyond Hawaii. With this condition of things at hand, there is likely to be a great deal of work done soon by the United States in the Pacific. I do not believe that the session of Congress next winter will be allowed to adjourn without an appropriation of money for building a cable to the Pacific possessions of this country, and I believe that the bill making this appropriation will direct that the cable be laid between the State of California and the Hawaiian Islands within a very few months. There will also be, no doubt, some pretty large appropriations for the defense of Hawaiian ports, and the enlargement of the naval station there.

E. S. L.

TO FUMIGATE MOLOKAI MAIL.

**SUCH THE INTENTION OF SPECIAL
INSPECTOR FLINT.**

**Arrangements to be Made to Aford
Settlement the Money Order
System.**

Among the visitors to the leper settlement at Molokai Saturday was Mr. M. H. Flint, special inspector for the postoffice department, who went over to investigate the mail conditions. Mr. Flint found a postoffice at Kalaupapa and another across the little peninsula two miles away at Kalawao. He believes it will be for the best interests of the people of the settlement to retain both offices. Asked last night as to what would likely be done by the department in regard to mail to and from the settlement Mr. Flint said: "I had believed in recommending to the department the employment of a non-leperous man at a good salary to conduct one office at the settlement and make him a sort of amanuensis for the people in so far as stamping and sealing their letters are concerned. I now believe it would be impossible to do this and I shall make other arrangements. The first thing to be done is to provide for the fumigation of all mail from the settlement. If I can do so I hope to make temporary arrangements with Dr. Carmichael for temporary use of the quarantine station for the purpose and also arrange with the authorities here to place a hot air fumigating in the new addition to the postoffice where all the mail, and the mail bag as well, will be subjected to a hot air treatment at a temperature of 250 to 300 degrees. This will kill all possible germs. Fumigation of letters from the settlement has been done away with but only stamped envelopes will be sold. The greatest need is the postoffice money order system and this I hope to establish very soon. Only silver and gold will be allowed to be sent to or from the settlement, paper money being strictly taboo, and all gold or silver forwarded from the settlement will be boxed before being used anywhere else. With these necessary precautions there need be no fear of the bacillus of leprosy being conveyed to people outside the settlement."

Will E. Fisher's New Offices.

The new offices of Col. W. E. Fisher in the Magoon building, Merchant and Alakea streets, are among the handsomest in the city. Col. Fisher is in possession of the fore, and his ground-floor offices are fitted up in the most modern style. No better office furniture is found anywhere, and yet the Colonel has saved ample room for his auction purposes, for he is a most accomplished auctioneer as well as an expert in real estate ventures. For many years Col. Fisher was recognized as one of the best-informed real estate men in California, and the experience he has had there will insure to the benefit of his clients in Hawaii.

Preparing for Ratification.

Henry Gibbs and Veda Thurman are making arrangements to have a big delegation of bicycle riders take part in the ratification parade. George King and Charles Hall have dug up a lot of old torches, and they will be renovated and generally fixed up. Will E. Fisher has been made a committee of one to design appropriate transparencies and some startling innovations are promised. The decorations at the wharf are unique and appropriate and will be designed by G. W. R. King.

THEY ARE AFTER THE GERMAN VOTE

**That is the Object of
Democrats in Nam-
ing Stevenson.**

HOPE TO CARRY MIDDLE WEST.

**NEW YORK CONCEDED TO BE
LOST OWING TO THE
SILVER PLANK.**

**Disputed Question as to Settlement
of Debt Caused by Loss of
a Bill—Shipping
News.**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10.—Everybody knew that the Democrats could not lose William Jennings Bryan, but the selection of his running mate is something of a surprise. By the general public Adlai E. Stevenson was hardly considered a remote possibility among the host of favorite sons, but he was evidently programmed by the shrewd politicians of the party and kept in the background or under cover until the sentiment of the convention could be sounded.

Up to the time of the convention the most promising Vice-Presidential nominee was Towne, the choice of the Silver Republicans. But, you know, Democrats. They are too bullheaded to compromise on anything and would rather be defeated than admit they are wrong. They are too proud to be Republicans. So, quadrupling, they obstinately persist in digging with their own hands a grave for their moribund hopes.

David Bennett Hill, the idol of the New York and Atlantic coast Democracy, was turned down. He dabbled and coqueted with the Vice-Presidential nomination in order to have it forced upon him that he might put it aside in a Cascares-upon-the-Lupercal burst of eloquence but, alas, when he saw it was headed off and not coming his way at all he rushed around to get in front of it and announced that he did not want it; told it to his face, he would not have it. Without argument the convention accepted his statement as final.

There is no question but Hill is one of the shrewdest, brainiest men in the Democratic party. But that is the trouble; he is too blankly-blinded smart. There were delegates in that convention who loved Hill, but voted against him because they love their party more. They knew that Hill could not carry a school district in the West. Out beyond the Mississippi the rank and file of the party has acquired the impression that Hill traded Cleveland to secure his own election as Governor of New York. True, Democrats speak not of Cleveland if the Cleveland is the Cleveland that they love. There are things that men like to forget, but that impression sticks, they cling to the declaration of the old Virginia editor, who said:

"The candidate is one whom I would not invite to my home or introduce to my family; neither will I recognize him on the street, but as the nominee of my party I shall support him."

That is Democracy—the party first. The nomination of Adlai E. Stevenson is but another step towards securing the German vote and is prima facie evidence that the Democrats have abandoned all hope of carrying New York. Illinois Democrats have nominated a German for Governor. This, with a strong pro-Bryan plank in the platform, is intended to catch the German vote, practically holding the balance of power in Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio. It was thought the anti-British pronouncement would naturally hold the Irish vote.

Of course, the 16-to-1 plank was adopted; they could not well avoid it. If it was a good thing four years ago the natural sequence is that the principle is the same now and its omission would have been a tacit admission that the Republicans are right. A Democrat would rather die than do that. There was, however, a widely-advertised position to the plank, an opposition ostensibly from the South and East. It is reported that the Committee on Platform and Resolutions stood 23 against the plank to 25 for it. Thereupon Mr. Bryan was communicated the suggestion that it might be well to cushion the plank with a "velvety reference to bimetalism in general. Mr. Bryan is quoted as saying: "If you want a dog-in-a-plank platform, get a dog to run on it." Now the country has not yet decided whether all that loud and apparently formidable opposition was simply a grandstand play to demonstrate what a strong and determined man Mr. Bryan is, or was, as you prefer, or whether it was the real thing.

W. H. Cornwell was selected as national committeeman from Hawaii. Prince David was appointed one of the committee to notify Mr. Bryan of his nomination, and John H. Wise on the committee to call on Mr. Stevenson. By the way—the cards struck and Hawaii voted for Hill for Vice-President. That was the party's first vote from the Territory had to be thrown away on an "also ran." Among others called on for speeches seconding Mr. Bryan's nomination was Prince David. He responded, saying some nice things and saying them very well. The convention cheered him to the echo.

Approve of the Hawaiian delegation, and its trip East in the car with the Californians, a novel legal question has risen and had not been settled on the receipt of the last advice. En route the delegates engaged in little games of draw. Prince David lost \$20 to Freeman of California and Keyes of this State won \$20 from Freeman. At the conclusion of the game Prince Da-

vid laid a \$20 bill before Freeman and he pushed it across to Keyes. Before the latter could grab it a gust of air carried it out of the window. Keyes now insists that he never received the money. Prince David says it is up to Freeman, as he paid him, and Freeman says that Keyes lost the money through his own negligence; so there you are.

The steamer Carina has been chartered to load here for Seattle and Tacoma and will not return to Honolulu for a month at least.

The keel of a new steamer for the inter-island Steam Navigation Company has been laid at Hay & Wright's yards. The new steamer is to be 172 feet long, 36 feet beam and 14 feet deep. She will be much larger than the Kailua and will exceed in speed anything in the inter-island trade.

The schooner Robert Lewers has sailed for the islands, but Captain Goodman went out as a passenger, and on his arrival at Honolulu will take command of another of the company's vessels. Captain Underwood, late of the barkentine Newsboy, went out as master of the Lewers. Captain Chipperfield is now in command of the Newsboy.

With a view to sending troops to China under hurry orders, the Government has been making inquiries as to the condition of the transport service with the following result: The summer can leave here on July 15 with 57 officers and 630 men; the Meade on August 1 with 60 officers and 1171 men; the Hancock on August 16 with 54 officers and 1082 men; the Warren on September 1 with 42 officers and 1242 men; the Thomas on September 16 with 69 officers and 1554 men; the Grant on October 1 with 68 officers and 1836 men. Without inconvenience to the present transport service, it is thought that about 8000 men and 350 officers can be landed at Hongkong within ten weeks.

E. E. B.

ANNUAL VISIT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

**To the Leper Settle-
ment on Molokai
Island.**

SHOWS MANY IMPROVEMENTS.

**BENEFIT OF OFFERING PRIZES
FOR BEST KEPT
GROUNDS.**

**One Hundred Less People in the
Settlement Now Than There
Were Eighteen Months
Ago.**

There have been very great improvements at the leper settlement on Molokai since the annual visit of the Board of Health one year ago. The offer of five prizes of \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10 and \$5 for the most improvement shown in the appearance of premises in the settlement, which prizes were awarded in April last, had a good effect. Not only has great improvement been made in individual premises, but on the commons of the settlement, lava rock being removed and clear lawns taking the place of stony fields.

The four prizes for the grounds showing the best results in tree planting and gardening, which are to be awarded in October next, have had a good effect, many of the homes taking on a new appearance from the many improvements made.

It was a large crowd which left Honolulu Friday night on the Mikahala to visit the settlement, the trip being returned to Honolulu by the Board of Health. The strict rules of past years, limiting the friends of lepers who accompanied the board to the smallest possible number were very much relaxed and as a result the deck passengers numbered 108. The members of the board and invited guests were: M. H. Flint, F. J. Lowrey, E. P. Dole, E. C. Winston, Dr. Emerson, Dr. C. B. Wood, Dr. C. L. Garvin, Dr. W. Hoffmann, Dr. C. Camp, Dr. C. H. Douglass, Fred O'Brien, George A. Dietz, Frank Davey, George F. Henshall, E. S. Gill, Sam Johnson, John Effinger, W. O. Smith, J. L. Rockwell, Father Mathias, Mr. Fairweather, Dr. Samuel McCurdy, Rev. Massie, F. J. Testa, Stearns Buck, C. McGonaghe, Fred Lyman, Mrs. Hendryx, Miss Ella Morrison, H. Avery, Chas. Wilcox, Chas. Jacox, Capt. H. Berger, Miss Morgan, Miss Anabel Lee, Mrs. F. R. Aldrich, Miss Carroll, Dr. Kerr, Dr. Cleveland, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Hoffman, Dr. Monsarrat, L. M. Kohn, Dr. Wolters, Mr. Fuller, Sister Renata, Sister Susanna, Maria Nunez.

A more perfect day for the trip over the settlement could not be imagined than yesterday proved to be. Horses were provided for the board and invited guests to go over the settlement. Nearly the entire party visited the valley of Waikola, south of Kalawao, where successful farming by the inhabitants of the settlement is being carried on. There are now over 100 acres under cultivation, most of it in taro, which is the chief staple of food. The experiments with dry taro are proving very successful and have pretty thoroughly demonstrated that a number of varieties that require no irrigation can be successfully grown in

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LATEST NEWS FROM HILO AND VICINITY.

**The Labor Question
is Seriously Dis-
cussed.**

DO AUTHORITIES CAUSE PILIKIA.

**SOME POLITICAL POINTERS
GIVEN OUT ON SHORT
NOTICE.**

**A. B. Loebenstein Announced as a
Candidate for the Upper
House of the Next
Legislature.**

There is little agitation in political circles.

Associate Justice Galbraith of the Supreme Court returned to Hilo Wednesday and will remain over one steamer.

Judge Galbraith says that Chief Justice Frear does not consider the language used by Judge Little, in refusing Doyle permission to act as Japanese interpreter in his court was intended to be disparaging of him or of the Supreme Bench, and that Judge Little is generally sustained in his action.

Timoteo Keahiti, an old Kanaaka at Kalaupapa, has realized the truth of the proverb: "He heareth up riches and knoweth not who shall gather them." The old gentleman is of that economical disposition known as miserly, and to a considerable amount of evil handed down to him by his father he has added accumulations in the way of rents and other sources of income, which he formerly secreted in his paternal ancestor's grave, but more recently in an old-fashioned iron safe in his house. He visited Hilo for the glorious Fourth, and on his way home was informed of the dire catastrophe. This was, however, about a week after the happening of the event, and he had not been in the city for some time. He was originally, had been obliterated at that time. The house had been broken open in several places and the mutilated bank warden emptied skyward, while the ancient miser's account books, showing a balance of \$4300.25 that should have been carefully present, but was not, lay neglected in the dust upon the floor. Keahiti new regrets that he failed to patronize the safe deposit vaults of the First Bank of Hilo.

Hawaii Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star gave its worthy Matron, Mrs. Nova Galbraith, a surprise party on last week Friday evening which has so far escaped notice in the local press. The occasion was the expected departure of Judge and Mrs. Galbraith for their new home in Honolulu in the near future. The event took the form of a sheet and pillow case party of the most ghostly variety, each member being arrayed in long white drapery, pillow case peaked cap and white mask and carrying a torch. Once arrayed, none could tell the identity of another and many amusing adventures resulted; the endeavors of Mrs. Galbraith to discover the character of her ghostly visitors being not among the least. After the unmasking, and the transformation from the supernatural to the natural, the evening was spent most pleasantly, as are all the social affairs of the Eastern Star. The party took possession of Mrs. Chas. Baird's house, dainty refreshments were served and games indulged in until a late hour.

J. C. Carter of Bishop & Co's bank has been in Hilo during the week.

Dr. M. Waech returned Wednesday from his business trip to Honolulu.

Capt. Fitzgerald and C. H. Brown returned to Hilo by Wednesday's Kinau.

Mrs. C. D. Pringle is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hime at Mountain View, Olau.

Mrs. Tom May and family are visitors to Hilo and the Valsuola, arriving by the Kinau.

Miss Oma Little has returned from Kaunama and is feeling much improved in health.

W. H. C. Campbell and family came in from Puna for two or three days this week.

Colonel Little has gone from Honolulu to Kona to hear several cases in equity at that place.

Mrs. A. B. Loebenstein has been confined to her room during the week with severe attack of grippe.

Labor trouble in Hanakula will prevent the Horners from being able to take any part in the races.

Arthur Meyers, convicted at the Honolulu term of manslaughter in the second degree, has been sentenced to five years imprisonment at hard labor.

**AMERICAN SUGAR CO.,
WILL SUSPEND WORK.**

**Decision Arrived at Yesterday and
All Bills Owing to Date
Will be Paid.**

There was a stockholders' meeting of the American Sugar Company yesterday morning at C. Brewer & Co's office.

The report of Mr. Lindgren regarding the water supply was read. It was substantially the same as that of Mr. O'Shaughnessy, which was made some time ago. Geo. H. Robertson, manager of C. Brewer & Co., speaks as follows regarding the course to be pursued with the plantation: "There is no doubt that a limited supply of good water is to be found along the coast line. There are three

important factors that stand in the way of going on with the business just now. The first is the uncertainty of the quantity of good water that the new wells will produce after continuous pumping. Secondly, the difficulty of raising sufficient capital to go on with, and thirdly the very doubtful state of the labor supply.

In view of these facts it has been decided to suspend further operations and dispose of all moveable machinery and material and liquidate all outstanding liabilities with a view of saving the ranch property.

ADOPTION OF MALAKA.

Judge Humphreys Heard the Case Yesterday Afternoon.

Pierre Marie Lucas, H. C. Adams, and George Clark have petitioned to become naturalized.

Judge Humphreys has authorized W. O. Smith, trustee of Elizabeth Hart and children, to withdraw \$381.50 from the Postal Savings Bank and re-invest it in real estate.

Yesterday afternoon Judge Humphreys heard the petition of Thomas Murray and wife for the adoption of Malaka Moolan. Davies and Gear for petitioners. J. T. De Bolt for the father of the child.

The matting in Judge Humphreys' courtroom was being torn up yesterday.

They Have Troubles.

The steamer companies here, and more the people of the Oceanic Line, catering so largely to passenger traffic, are having troublesome hours these days. Mr. Walter W. Giffard, in speaking yesterday of the Alameda's last visit here, said: "It seems that the regulations new to us here are some what difficult of adaption to a way station such as Honolulu has become under the changed order of things. It is against the regulations for exchange of visits between ship and shore people until the captain has entered the vessel and returned to it from the custom house. The custom house has its hours and the officials are simply extending favors when they do any business out of office hours. The Alameda did not make a stay here out of the ordinary for briefness. She has her mail engagements and is kept moving to meet trains. It is hoped that in time the nomination here and other port officers will have launches to meet steamers outside the harbor. This will at each arrival hasten communication between ship and shore. There are many new formalities that take time and do away with much of the former freedom. Happily, it is yet possible to permit the farewell parties to assemble on the decks at departures."

A RED BOAT CLUB MEETING.

**WATERS OF DEBATE CHURNED
UP BY OARSMEN.**

**Details for the Coming Regattas to
be Held in September—Officers
Elected.**

The annual meeting of the Hawaiian Rowing Association Friday night was turbulent and tempestuous.

Arthur Wilder, the aggressive young oarsman, and George R. Carter of the ponderous stroke, churned up the waters of debate.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President A. G. M. Robertson, Vice-President W. A. Wall, Secretary Arthur Wilder.

Details of the races between crews from the Healanis, Lelanis and Myrtles were discussed at length. The races will take place at Pearl Harbor on the second Saturday in September which is the 8th.

On Saturday September 15th will be regatta day. The crews will contest in the Honolulu harbor.

The Regatta Committee decided to give a banner to winning senior crew, and a cup to the juniors.

There is a strong probability that the Stock Exchange and the railroad company will add costly cups to the trophies to be contested for by the crews.

The following yearly committee was appointed: W. A. Wall Healanis; J. C. Lane Lelanis; A. G. M. Robertson Myrtles. This committee will have charge of the Pearl Harbor and Honolulu regattas. It will appoint judges of the races.

Republican Clubs to Meet.

The chairmen of the various precinct clubs of the Republican party are requested to call a meeting of their clubs for next Tuesday evening, to arrange to take part in the ratification meeting to take place on the arrival of the delegates by the steamer Rio on July 29th.

Married Last Night.

John Roie, a machinist of Waimanalo, was yesterday married to Miss Rosa Olina Rasmussen, who was a teacher of the local school for two years. The wedding took place at three o'clock yesterday at the plantation, the Rev. G. L. Pearson officiating. Among those present were George Chalmers and family, manager of the plantation, A. G. Stoddard and wife and others.

Record of Arrests.

There was a rush of business at the police station last night. Not for a long time has the patrol wagon had such a lot of calls to answer. Ten cases of "drunk" were locked up. One man was held for investigation for forgery and two Chinese were locked up for smoking opium. Akakaiki joint, kept by Fisher, was raided and about a dozen bottles of beer were captured.

THE LOUNGER HAD SERIOUS THOUGHTS.

**A Botanical Question
—Do Trees Really
Think.**

NEW IDEA SUGGESTED BY HILO.

**WHAT HAPPENED TO A VERY,
VERY DERELICT PROOF-
READER.**

**How the Cockroach Furnishes an
Industrial Example to the
People of Sport-
ing Hilo.**

"Do trees think?"

Such was the startling question propounded to me by a friend.

I was compelled to acknowledge that I didn't know.

"Well," said he, "I am thoroughly convinced that they do. Why? I will tell you. Out at my place on Liliha street, near Kuakini I recently cut off some branches from an algeroba tree. I took the temperature of the tree before the limbs were severed from the trunk and after the amputation occurred. The temperature of tree was three degrees higher after my butchering than it was prior.

"In another case of tree mutilation inflammation set in and the trunk had a high fever.

"You place a bucket of compost in the ground within twenty feet of a growing tree, and I don't care how much rock and seemingly impervious soil may intervene, the roots of that tree will reach that compost within a month, at least in this climate.

"Don't that show thought?"

"I made an excavation and placed rich fertilization of guano and chicken manure in it, covering with a top light dressing of dirt. When this was done I planted a Florida pear in the hole. At the same time I set out a papaya tree some twenty feet away.

"Three months elapsed and I noticed that the pear tree was in a bad way. It didn't look thrifty. The leaves were drooping and the tree was stunted. I pulled up the pear tree, or rather, dug it up, and what do you suppose I found? Don't know? Well, the roots of the tree were throttled by tendrils, or shoots, from the papaya. They had worked their way through a seemingly impassable wall of native stone nearly five feet thick in their greed to reach the guano and chicken manure.

"I dug up the papaya tree and found no roots but those running or extending to the pear tree. Doesn't this show thought? Well, I guess yes.

"Now, I have a flowering red tree in my yard. The wind blows from the north. I cut a limb from the trunk on that side. Judge of my surprise when the tree turned about until the wound caused by severing the limb appeared due south. How do I account for it? The tree wanted to protect its laceration from the inclemency of the north wind."

"Trees think! Certainly they do."

The cockroach lays on the average of 400 eggs a month. There is a vermin on foot in Hilo to cross the cockroach with the hen.

The Republican has labored under the great disadvantage during the past week of having a reckless proofreader. I have killed him. It was a case of justifiable homicide. The trifling incident robs a fund of reminiscences.

Once when I was running a paper at a water tank out in Nevada they incorporated a bank. I wrote it up, heading it: "A New and Thriving Industry." Judge of my surprise and consternation when the paper appeared to read: "A New and Thieving Industry."

The affair terminated in my abruptly leaving town.

Horace Greeley once wrote, quoting from the immortal bard: "Thy true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis true." It appeared in the Tribune: "Thy true, 'tis pity, no, 'tis pity-two."

Greeley's penmanship was awful; mine, like copperplate, thus showing that all geniuses don't write alike, however similar their thoughts may be.

Is the Anglo-Saxon Christian civilized world to overrun the globe like a light of grasshoppers in Kansas, or will it succumb to Oriental invasion, the religion of Confucius and the great Hindu gods, Buddha? It is a problem that perplexes my mind and keeps me from slumber. Do you know that Buddhism is acquiring many devout adherents in Honolulu? No? Well, it is. Rev. T. Imamura was the first to bring the teachings of Buddha to these islands, or rather to promulgate them. The seeds fell on fertile soil and the harvest bears the returns from some of the sugar plantations. Imamura has recently secured an assistant in H. Matsumoto. The services of the Buddhists are crowded with white worshippers. This afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the Temple on Fort-street lane, services will be held in honor of the formation of the Young Men's Buddhist Association. Addresses will be delivered in both the Japanese and English languages.

The Young Men's Buddhist Association, I understand, in order to make the